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Welcome to this Sixth volume of *The Journal of Undergraduate Nursing Writing*. This journal is a compilation of original articles written by senior nursing students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at The University of Kansas School of Nursing.

The articles presented in this volume originated as assignments completed by students as part of their senior level coursework. The original call for papers did not limit their entries to any particular topic.

Writing about these issues was not easy. What is unique about these articles is that they provide insight into the thought processes of today's college graduates in nursing. These student authors all show an ability to describe complex societal issues in their own manner. Examples of topical choices this year include controversy surrounding medical uses of marijuana, sex education in schools, the notion of preconception sex selection of a child, informed consent issues with minors, expanding the donor criteria for transplant patients, ICU Visitation policies, use of psychedelic drugs in mental illness treatment and intimate partner violence. These students all display an ability to investigate the current evidence on their chosen topics and emerge with a unique perspective. One that encourages all of us to believe that the future of the nursing profession is positive.

This endeavor would not have been possible without the support of several dedicated individuals and organizations. The Dykes Library staff at the University of Kansas Medical Center campus was wonderful. Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta International provided the financial support along with the positive encouragement of the Chapter Executive Board. Lastly we commend the faculty and staff at the University Of Kansas School Of Nursing for their patience and responsiveness as we sorted through all the issues necessary to make this happen. We would have been lost without their willingness to listen and share their own personal experiences.

We hope you enjoy this sixth volume and await your feedback. Let us know what you think.

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